

U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/910,268
Amendment Dated Oct. 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action of Sep. 30, 2004
Docket No. JP9-2000-0277US1 (252)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of September 30, 2004 ("Office Action"). The response is timely filed within the one-month shortened statutory period, and, as such, no fee is believed due. Nevertheless, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. The claims presented herewith have not been amended and are in the form as originally filed. As an initial matter, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his thorough examination of the application.

I. Restriction Requirement

A restriction requirement is set forth in the Office Action requiring election of one of the following groupings, as well as a species election:

Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a machine translation, classified in class 704, subclass 253;

Group II: Claims 11-13, drawn to a computer-readable recording medium, classified in class 704, subclass 7.

Applicant hereby submits a provisional election of Group I (claims 1-10), with the noted exception that claim 14 should have been included in Group I in the Office Action. As such, the claims currently pending and belonging to Group I as provisionally elected by the Applicants are 1-10, and 14.

The provisional election of the claims set forth, herein, is merely to comply with the restriction requirement and is not to be construed as surrender of any subject matter in the

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instant application. Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and examination on the merits is respectfully requested. Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or in any way improper. Applicant also invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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